

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 14, 2013

Agenda Item: 2013 Spring Turkey Quotas/Limits

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Approval of Final Quotas/Limits

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

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Background

Upland game bird season dates for 2013 were finalized in February 2012. Other season elements, including bag and possession limits, may be changed annually. There are no established quota ranges for spring turkey permits so all changes require commission approval. There are two proposed changes for 2013 Spring Turkey quotas and limits. All other elements are proposed to remain unchanged from 2012.

SPRING TURKEY

- 282-20: Increase spring turkey special permits from 100 to 150
- 445-20: Decrease spring turkey special permits from 10 to 5

Public Involvement Process & Results

Public comment on this proposal ran through 5 p.m. Jan. 28. FWP received six comments that identified various issues, including both support and opposition to the proposed changes.

Alternatives and Analysis

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2012 (status quo) as per staff justifications, public comment and/or commission discussion.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends the commission adopt the two proposed changes, keeping other elements unchanged from 2012. This is consistent with known wildlife biology, management history and survey efforts.

Proposed Motion

I move to adopt the proposed spring 2013 turkey quotas and limits as presented by FWP.